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of that latest progress is not yet drafted, so I'm suggesting, unless there's...we have two options, we can either continue to make meaningless speeches about LB 806, as I've been good at doing throughout the session, or we can use the time a little more productively and switch over to the, only temporarily, to the special order agenda. So it is my recommendation that the agenda now be modified to go at this time to LB 648. I would also point out that the LB 806A does not appear on the agenda today, and I think part of the discussion that's taking place involves that bill, so people should be advised that we will be addressing, barring any last minute complications, we will also be addressing LB 806A today. Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, I also understand LB 648 is, is being passed over at the request of the introducer.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, we'll next move to LB 877. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (LB) 877, Mr. President, a bill introduced originally by Senator McKenzie. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 22, referred to the Natural Resources Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments. (See AM1283 referred to on page 1384 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator McKenzie, you are recognized to open on the bill.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I, too, have hurried up here to try to change gears from school finance to...to water issues as we're trying to get draft or at least something up to the bill drafters dealing with LB 806, but let me...let me bring myself back up to speed and also the body on this particular issue. Many of you know for a number of years there have been controversies raging about instream flow appropriations on the Platte River, in particular. In 1984, the Legislature passed that section of statute that allowed either NRDs or Game and Parks to apply for appropriations of water that then would be reserved, in particular, for the management, preservation, maintenance of endangered species, wildlife and